


10.4 2024 REGIONS RISING NATIONAL SUMMIT 13-15 AUGUST CANBERRA - ATTACHMENT

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**REGIONS
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2024

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FRONTIER

EVENT PROGRAM

13-15 August 2024
National Convention Centre
Canberra, ACT

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REGIONS RISING 2024 NATIONAL SUMMIT PROGRAM

Theme: Regions Rising - The New Frontier

Dates: Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 August 2024

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

DAY 1 SUMMIT COCKTAIL PARTY

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2024

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

Time	Duration	Item
5.30 pm		Function begins
5.30 pm	Ongoing	Drink service – Exhibition Area Entertainment Exhibition
6.00 pm	5 mins	Welcome – MC
6.05 pm	25 mins	In Conversation with Assistant Minister for Regional Development & Education, Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm & Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, Senator the Hon. Bridget McKenzie
7.00 pm		Event concludes

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DAY 2: CONFERENCE

Time	Duration	Item
7.30 am	30 mins	Registration, networking and exhibition
8.00 am	5 mins	MC Welcome and Housekeeping – Madeleine Morris
8.05 am	10 mins	Welcome to Country, Aunty Violet Sheridan, Senior Ngunnawal Elder
8.15 am	15 mins	Minister Address The Hon. Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
8.30 am	10 mins	Q&A
8.40 am	20 mins	Liz Ritchie – CEO, RAI
9.00 am	5 mins	Q&A
	50 mins	Panel 1 – Realising the ambition of regional Australia <i>Two years on from the launch of the RAI-led holistic plan for regional Australia, has the nation shifted the dial on addressing the inequalities between metropolitan and regional, rural and remote Australia? Business, community and government voices deliver the verdict from their patch and share insights on how to supercharge meaningful change towards rebalancing the nation.</i> Facilitator: Madeleine Morris
9.05 am		Professor Barney Glover AO, Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia
		Martijn Wilder AM, Chair, National Reconstruction Fund
		Georgie Dent, Executive Director, The Parenthood
		Kate Fielding, CEO, A New Approach
		Bridget Cama, UNSW Sydney
9.55 am	25 mins	Keynote Address
	15 mins	James Holloway, Deputy Head of Economic Analysis, Reserve Bank of Australia
	10 mins	Q&A
10.30 am	30 mins	Morning tea, networking and exhibition



	45 mins	<p>Panel 2 Transforming policy dreams into reality</p> <p><i>Responsible for the implementation and to a degree, the success, of government policy, senior public officials share the balancing act of their day jobs: turning policy vision statements into real-world positive outcomes for regional Australians.</i></p>
11.00 am		Steve Orr, Secretary, Dept of Regional NSW
		Professor Mehdi Doroudi, Chief Executive, Dept of Primary Industries and Regions, SA
		More speakers announced soon
11.45 am	25 mins	Keynote Address
	15 mins	Sam Dimarco, General Manager Regional and Remote, nbn co
12.00 pm	10 mins	Q&A
12.10 pm	45 mins	<p>Panel 3 – The great tech race</p> <p><i>The sum of the intelligence of a diverse cohort of the brightest business and science minds equals an insightful take on how technology, in all its forms, is changing the face of the regions and how the benefits are shaping up to be anything but artificial.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Sam Dimarco, General Manager Regional and Remote, nbn co</i></p>
		Dr Brad Tucker, Astrophysicist & Cosmologist, Australian National University
		Andrew Leong, Executive General Manager – Technology & Solutions, nbn co
		Jack Growden, Founder and CEO, LiteHaus International
		Damian Kassabgi, CEO, Tech Council of Australia
12.55 pm	60 mins	Lunch, networking and exhibition
	25 mins	Keynote Address
1.55 pm	15 mins	John Cleland, CEO, Essential Energy
2.10 pm	10 mins	Q&A
2.20 pm	60 mins	<p>In focus</p> <p><i>Summit delegates select their own interest area in a series of concurrent sessions that explore the context and solutions to the most contemporary issues before regional Australia.</i></p>
		<p>Breakout 1 – Home grown housing solutions</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Diwa Hopkins, RAI Senior Economist</i></p> <p>Kerren Crosthwaite, First Assistant Secretary, Housing Division, Commonwealth Treasury</p>



		<p>Greg Muller, Chair, Nestd Nick Lane, Executive Director and Founder, Passive Place Robert Pradolin, Co-Founder and Director, Housing All Australians Michael Crosby, Head of Public Policy, Airbnb Australia and New Zealand</p>
		<p>Breakout 2 – The building blocks of education - getting the foundations right <i>Facilitator: Amalie Smith, Chief People Officer, Essential Energy</i> The Hon. Fiona Nash, Regional Education Commissioner Jenny Dodd, CEO, TAFE Directors Steph Trethewey, Founder, CEO and Executive Director, Motherland Australia Andrew Paterson, CEO, Family Day Care Australia Hacia Atherton, CEO, Empowered Women in Trades</p>
		<p>Breakout 3 – Taking care of people first Tanya Forester, CEO, Macquarie Health Collective Kate Sowden, Executive Director, Work + Stay Dr Rod and Deborah Martin, Co-Founders, Observa Care Jane Pickering, CEO, Eldercare SA</p>
		<p>Breakout 4 – Innovation Hubs Brent Finlay, Chair, Future Drought Fund Cindy Cassidy, CEO, Southern NSW Innovation Hub Stephen Lee, CEO, South Australia Drought Hub Prof Jacki Schirmer, University of Canberra</p>
3.20 pm	25 mins	Keynote Address
	15 mins	Elders
	10 mins	Q&A
3.50 pm	40 mins	<p>The 2025 Federal Election: <i>A panel of political insiders looks forward to the 2025 Federal Election and the role regional Australia will play in the campaign and ultimate success of either party.</i> <i>Facilitator: Madeleine Morris</i></p>
		<p>John Scales, Founder, JWS Research The Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon, Former Federal Member for Hunter Kerry Chikarovski, Founder and Director, Chikarovski & Associates</p>
4.30 pm	30 mins	Close - Afternoon tea, networking and exhibition



SUMMIT DINNER FUNCTION

Date: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Time: 6.30pm – 10pm

Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra

Time	Duration	Item
6.30 pm		Function begins
6.30 pm	Ongoing	Drink service – Exhibition Area Entertainment Exhibition
7.00 pm		Guests seated
7.15 pm	5 mins	Welcome – MC
7.30 pm	45 mins	Dinner service
8.15 pm	5 mins	RAI Welcome and Introduce Minister, Christian Zahra AM, Chair, RAI
8.20 pm	10 mins	Ministerial Address
8.30 pm	5 mins	Sponsor Address – Transgrid
8.35 pm	20 mins	Leila McDougall, Director, VAM Paddock Productions
8.55 pm		Dessert service
10.00 pm		Event concludes

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DAY 3: CONFERENCE

Time	Duration	Item
8.00 am	25 mins	Registration, networking and exhibition
	30 mins	Opening remarks
8.25 am	5 mins	MC Welcome and housekeeping
	25 mins	Keynote Address
8.30 am	15 mins	Rachel Yangoyan, CEO, QantasLink
8.45 am	10 mins	Q&A
9.00 am	15 mins	Keynote Address
	45 mins	Panel 4 – Power struggle <i>Regional Australia is the epicentre of Australia’s energy transition and decarbonisation journey where the uncertainty of change meets a future-shaping opportunity. A panel of experts from right across the energy continuum unpack how regional communities are the real powerbrokers in the nation’s pursuit of net zero.</i>
9.25 am		Samantha McCulloch, CEO, Australian Energy Producers
		Dan Cass, Director, Rewiring Australia
		Katherine Teh, Executive Chair, Spektrum Mining
		Michael Frangos, Chief Executive Officer, Indigenous Energy Australia
	25 mins	Keynote Address
10.10 am	15 mins	Rob Wheals, CEO, Squadron Energy
11.25 am	10 mins	Q&A
10.35 am	25 mins	Morning tea, networking and exhibition
	25 mins	Keynote Address
11.00 am	15 mins	Ben Thompson, CEO and Co-Founder, Employment Hero
11.15 am	10 mins	Q&A
	85 mins	Breakout Sessions
11.25 am		How to influence government: hear from those who do <i>A cohort of effective communication, policy professionals and advocates share their experience on how to achieve positive policy outcomes from government.</i> Robbie Sefton AM, Founder, Seftons Advisory Rachael Sweeney, Collective Position

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		Simon Banks, Managing Director, Hawker Britton
		<p>The future of work <i>The ability to work away from head office has meant many Australians can now live where they love, not live where they work. Here, representatives of corporate Australia dedicated to remote work arrangements and business strategists, hatch a plan to ensure the WFH movement is here to stay.</i> Ben Gursansky, Head of Regional & Rural Affairs, Telstra More speakers announced soon</p>
		<p>Community legacy: Making hay while the sun shines <i>Regional Australia's will be engine room of Australia's energy transition home to new renewable energy projects; a rapidly expanding critical minerals sector and supporting industries. It's a momentum not to be squandered; on in which must leave a legacy for communities.</i> Nils Hay, CEO, Mid West Development Commission WA Fiona Davis, Director, Currie Communications Ali McLean, Economic Development Manager, Hay Shire Council Meaghan Burkett, Executive Director, Community Wealth Building, Ethical Fields</p>
		<p>The New Frontier <i>Facilitator: Stephen Tighe</i> Regional Capitals Alliance WA and Kimberley Regional Group of Councils James McKee, CEO and Director, Regional Development, RDA Tasmania</p>
12.50 pm	45 mins	Lunch, networking and exhibition
	25 mins	Keynote Address
1.35 pm	15 mins	Lisa Lalande, CEO, Century Initiative
	10 mins	Q&A
	45 mins	<p>Panel 5 – Big regions: purposeful population growth <i>The RAI has a target of 11 million people living in regional Australia by 2032, an increase on the forecast population of 10.5 million, adding \$13.8 billion in GDP to the nation's bottom line. How as a nation do we attract and enable this growth and plan for a bigger, sustainable and prosperous regional Australia? A National Population Plan is a critical starting point.</i> Facilitator: Liz Ritchie</p>
2.00 pm		Elizabeth Collett, Global Fellow, Migration Policy Institute
		Professor Barbara Norman, Chair, Urban Policy Forum
		Mayor Kylie King, Chair, Regional Capitals Australia



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		Ray Haeren, National Vice President, Planning Institute of Australia
		Jim Gall, CEO, RB Sellars
	10 mins	Closing remarks
2.45 pm		Liz Ritchie – CEO, RAI
3.00 pm		Day 2 Close